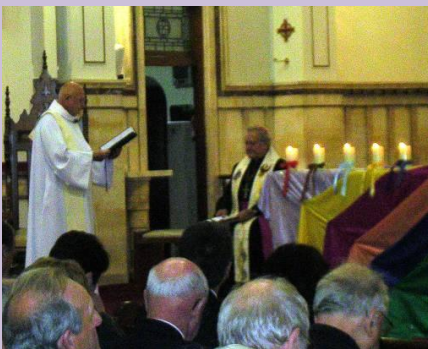


Bishop Michael's Farewell

Sacred Heart Cathedral, 29th May 2011



The gathering of a large congregation at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday afternoon was a great tribute to our retiring Bishop Michael Malone. The Liturgy highlighted the motto 'Light and Truth' which Michael had chosen when he was asked to take up the office 16 years ago. The altar was decked in rainbow colours and the lighted candles reflected the various Diocesan bodies who had helped carry out the work under the auspices of Bishop Michael.



Fr Barry Tunks led the liturgy and introduced the speakers, Anglican Bishop Farran, Lord Mayor of Newcastle, John Tate and previous Chancellor to Bishop Michael, Sr Patricia Egan rsj. Bishop Farran spoke warmly of his association with Bishop Michael in the Two Bishop's Trust and the Tri-



Covenant which has done much to develop ecumenical cooperation in this Hunter region.

The grand flourish of trumpets and the sonorous tones of the organ added a note of solemnity to the occasion which was augmented by the volume of the response from the assembled people.



There was a note of sadness mixed with joy and gratitude as the people of the Diocese were asked to raise their hands in blessing of our departing Bishop and to give their consent to his release from his Episcopal responsibilities that he had borne for the last 16 years.



A social gathering at the Victor Peters Suite followed giving many people the opportunity to express their personal thanks to Bishop Michael and to wish him well in his Winebago wanderings in the coming months.

